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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 stand allowed, and claims 7-11 stand rejected. Claims 7-11 have been canceled, and no claims have been added. Thus, upon entry of the present amendments, only allowed claims 1-6 will be pending in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application and a Notice of Allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants first acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's withdrawal of the May 5, 2003 Official Action's rejection of claims 1-11. Claims 7-11 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. App. No. 6,099,711 (Dahms) in view of U.S. Pat. App. No. 5,683,564 (Reynolds) and U.S. Pat. App. No. 6,537,439 (Hauptmann). Applicants respectfully submit that the present rejection is moot in view of the above cancellation of claims 7-11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-11.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims patentably define over the cited art. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner believes that the present application is not allowable for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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